

Town of Felton

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From The Desk of the Town Manager Amy Thomas April 1, 2022

General Up-Dates

- Community Yard Sale will be April 23, 2022 7am-2pm.
- If you see a violation in the Town please make sure when you call Town Hall that you have the proper address.
- Above-ground swimming pools are not required to have a fence as long as the pool is over four feet tall and has a locking ladder or the ladder is removed when no adult is supervising the pool.
- The quarterly trash fee will increase by \$1.50 this year. The new quarterly trash fee will be \$51.03 and will be effective April 1st.
- Town Hall hours are Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm.
- Currently the Town offers a discount to Senior Citizens for their property taxes. You must be 65 years of age by June 30th, the property must be your primary residence and your name must be on the deed. If you are eligible please bring your driver's license to Town Hall by May 31, 2022 to receive the discount. The discount last year was 50%.

Public Works Up-Dates

- Please make sure that your trash cans are removed from the curb by the next morning after the trash has been picked up by the contractor.
- PW will continue to do property maintenance checks and if your property is in violation you will be notified by the Town.
- If grass/weeds gets ten inches or above the Town will send out **one notification for the season** advising that the property is in violation of the Ordinance. If the grass is not cut the Town will cut the grass and charge the owner. The minimum charge for grass cutting is \$100. If the grass goes over ten inches again during the season the Town will automatically cut the grass.
- Grass clippings are NOT to be blown/placed on the street or in the catch basins. The grass will go into the catch basins and cause a problem with the water flow through Town.
- Please call Town Hall if you plan on installing a fence, shed or doing any other renovations to your home to see if the work requires a building permit.
- Dogs running loose need to be reported to Delaware Animal Control (302-255-4646). A complaint can be filed electronically on their website.

Police Up-Dates

- Parking on the street facing the wrong way is a fineable offense and the Town has been receiving multiple complaints from citizens regarding this issue. Tickets will be issued.
- Please do not allow children to play in the street.
- Children under the age of 18 are required to wear a helmet at all times while on a bicycle.
- Please keep your doors locked at all times.
- Secure your vehicles, even in your driveway.
- If you plan to travel this summer, please come into the Police Department and fill out a Property Check Form and the Police will monitor your property on a daily basis. This form is also on our website.
- Please call 911 or the non emergency number at 302-739-4863 if you need an officer. Any general police related questions please call Felton Police Department at 302-284-8441 and an officer will attempt to contact you within 24 hours.

Utility Bills will be mailed out the first week of April. The bills will be due on May 10th. If the bill is not paid by the 10th of May, a \$25 late fee will be applied to the account. A delinquent letter will be sent out with a disconnect date on the letter, if the bill is not paid by the disconnect date on the letter an additional \$50 disconnect/reconnect fee will be added to the bill and the water will be shut off until payment has been made in full.

Dates to Remember

| April 6th | Planning and Zoning Meeting - 6:30pm - Town Hall |
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| April 11th | Town Council Meeting - 6:30pm - Town Hall |
| April 15th | Good Friday - Town Hall Closed |
| May 4th | Planning and Zoning Meeting - 6:30pm - Town Hall |
| May 16th | Town Council Meeting - 6:30pm - Town Hall |
| May 10th | Utility Bills Due |
| May 23rd | Water Shut-Off for Non-Payment |
| May 30th | Memorial Day - Town Hall Closed |
| June 2nd | Trash Pick-Up |
| June 8th | Planning and Zoning Meeting - 6:30pm - Town Hall |
| June 13th | Town Council Meeting - 6:30pm - Town Hall |
| June 20 th | Juneteenth - Town Hall Closed |
| July 4th | Independence Day - Town Hall Closed |

Planning and Zoning Meetings have a set date but will only occur if there are items for the agenda. If you are interested in attending a PZ meeting check our website to make sure there is a meeting.

You can also go onto our website **felton.delaware.gov** a week before our meetings and review a copy of the meeting agenda. The Town also has a page on Facebook (Town of Felton Delaware) with updates on what is going on in Town.

Congratulations to Levi Brown on his retirement. Felton would like to thank Levi for all his hard work and dedication to the Town. We wish him the best!

Congratulations to Christopher Guild on his promotion to Chief of Police.

TOWN OF FELTON water is monitored and tested on a monthly basis. Citizens have access to an annual report. The report will be available on July 1st.